

SPIRAEA LATIFOLIA VAR. SEPTENTRIONALIS IN VIRGINIA.—On September 9, 1945, in company with Bernice M. Speese and Earlene Atchison, the writer collected *Spiraea latifolia* (Ait.) Borkh., var. *septentrionalis* Fernald on the very top of Hawksbill Mountain (elevation of 4049 feet), Page County, Virginia. There a small but dense patch grew in soil among the rocks. Some of the plants were in flower; others were in fruit.

Specimens are in the Gray Herbarium (*Baldwin 5464*). They were identified by Prof. M. L. Fernald, who wrote in a letter of October 16, 1945: "This variety occurs on the Labrador Peninsula and in Newfoundland and south to the Magdalen Islands and subalpine and alpine regions of Mt. Katahdin, Maine, and the White Mountains, New Hampshire, also on Keweenaw Peninsula, Michigan. It is distinguished from true *S. latifolia* by the dense cylindric to ovoid panicles, without elongate lower branches, and the relatively large flowers. It is a nice addition to the mountain-flora of northern Virginia."—J. T. BALDWIN, JR., The Blandy Experimental Farm, Boyce, Virginia.

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HELIANTHUS—A CORRECTION.—In a recent discussion of the confusion which has prevailed regarding certain species of *Helianthus* I became acutely infected by the germ of confusion and incorrectly cited, on page 79 of the April number of RHODORA, *H. rigidus*, forma *flavus* in the synonymy of *H. laetiflorus*, var. *rigidus*. *H. rigidus*, forma *flavus* = typical *H. laetiflorus* (with yellow disk).—M. L. FERNALD.

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